(c) if so, what was the turn over of each during the last two years, yearwise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee recommended for price control of these two drugs in bulk according to their criteria and specifically mentioned in the list for price control;

(e) whether it is also a fact that both these drugs have been exempted from price control under DPCO, 1987; and

(f) if so, on what basis the decision of exclusion was taken by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Information, to the extent available, is given below:

Name of the Drug	Name of the Producer
Vitamin A	M/s. Glindia Ltd., M/s. Roche Products Ltd. M/s.Kerala State Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
Vitamin C	M/s. Jayant Vitamins Ltd. M/s. Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprices Ltd.

(b) and (c) Company-wise sales turnover is not monitored by this Ministry.

(d) to (f) The Kelkar Committee had recommended that all Vitamins including Vitamins A & C only when used in combinations in formulations should come under Category II of price control. Keeping this recommendation in view, all vitamins as bulk drugs have been exempted from price control.

Decontrolling Price of Bulk Vitamins

682. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee recommended only two vitamins in bulk *i.e.* Niacinamide and Nicotinic Acid for price decontrol on the ground that these drugs are produced by more than five producers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Kelkar Committee recommended for price control of other vitamins in bulk based on the main criteria of production by less than five units and covered these vitamins in bulk in the proposed list of Category II drugs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have excluded these vitamins in bulk from price control under Drugs Price Control Order, 1987; and

(d) if so, on what basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALLAM): (a) to (d) The Kelkar Committee had recommended that all Vitamins only when used in combinations for formulation, should come under Category II of price control. Keeping this recommendation in view, all Vitamins as bulk drugs have been exempted from price control.

Price Control on Cough Syrups

683. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all major selling cough syrups have been exempted from price control under DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Actified, Dilosyn, Coscopin, Sovental, Benadryl and Glycodine are being used by the common man in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that each one of these brands had a sales turnover from one crore to six crores during 1986 according to O.R.G.;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the main criteria for exclusion of a drug is sales turn over of less than Rs. 50 lacs during 1906 adopted by Kelkar Committee; and